

HOUSE RESOLUTION 117
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Chad Harville, major league baseball player from Savannah.

WHEREAS, Tennessee has a proud tradition of producing great baseball players; and

WHEREAS, unquestionably, one of the best baseball players this state has ever produced is Chad Harville, Oakland A's star relief pitcher, still calls Savannah his home; and

WHEREAS, Hardin County's favorite son, Chad came up through the youth leagues, playing Little League and Dixie League baseball; and

WHEREAS, a 1994 graduate of Hardin County High School, his brilliant high school career included setting a school single-game record of 17 strike-outs; and

WHEREAS, as a senior, Chad pitched 68.2 innings, compiled an enviable 6-1 record, struck out 61, allowed only nine earned runs and had a 1.69 earned run average; and

WHEREAS, he attended the University of Memphis on a baseball scholarship and set the Conference USA and school single game strike-out record with 17, and the school record for single-season strike-outs with 136; and

WHEREAS, Chad Harville's numerous honors include being selected as First Team All-Conference USA in 1996 and 1997 and being a United States Olympic Team finalist in 1997; and

WHEREAS, he was a second round draft choice of the Oakland Athletics in the 1997 major league summer draft, making him the highest draft choice in West Tennessee history; and

WHEREAS, he made his major league debut in the summer of 1999, as a relief pitcher for the Athletics, thus becoming only the second player in Hardin County history to play in the big leagues; and

WHEREAS, Chad Harville has remained active in his community, generously giving of his valuable time and considerable leadership to the youth of Hardin County, expertly teaching them how to play the game and serving admirably as an excellent role model; and

WHEREAS, he will be recognized for his numerous contributions to Tennessee and Hardin County on Saturday, January 15, 2000, in what is being billed "Chad Harville Day." His former coaches from all levels, teammates and fans have been invited to Hardin County High School to recognize this talented athlete; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the Tennessee General Assembly join in this special recognition; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor and commend Chad Harville on his many accomplishments and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.